Changing the Course on Rising Teen STI Rates

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Rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) have been on the rise for the last several years, especially among teens who account for *half of all new STIs reported annually.* Despite the availability of treatment, adolescents' sexual health needs often go unmet. As health professionals, community organizations, educators and others grapple with how to address this issue, pediatric health care settings offer an opportunity to meet teens where they are, providing research and strategies that can apply across policy, programs and practice.

In this webinar, Dr. Sarah Wood, a researcher at PolicyLab and an attending physician in the Craig Dalsimer Division of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), will walk listeners through:

- The current state of STIs across the country, what is behind continued increases among youth and how the COVID-19 pandemic could have an impact;
- How those who interact with teens can address rising STI rates, including a deep dive on screening as a critical component of prevention and intervention; and
- Emerging research and proven policies and practices to give teens the support they need to become healthy, productive adults.

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